ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus, method and system for displaying the status of a recording device such as a set top box (STB) equipped with a digital video recorder (DVR) includes a memory that stores status parameters indicating functionality of the STB-equipped with DVR, and a processor for controlling the display of these status parameters based on receiving user commands to access the memory and display at least a selected one of the status parameters for review. A suitable user command interface may be used in order to transmit a command to display desired status parameter(s). Status parameters displayed include the time that a recording is behind a live feed, whether a program being viewed is live or recorded, available storage capacity for recording, visual/audiovisual alerts indicating various levels of storage available for recording, and other file attributes associated with the functionality and operation of the STB-equipped with DVR.